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SUBJECT: INDIAN COMMERCE MINISTER SEES MAJOR VICTORY AT
COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS MEETING

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1. GOI MINISTER OF COMMERCE MOHAN DHARIA IS REPORTED
TO HAVE TOLD AN INDIAN WIRE SERVICE UPON HIS RETURN FROM
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LONDON THAT "INDIA SCORED A MAJOR VICTORY...ON TWO
BASIC ISSUES" AT THE COMMONWEALTH MEETING ON THE
COMMON FUND. (ALL QUOTES ARE FROM TEXT OF STORY AS
CARRED IN INDIAN EXPRESS, WHICH HAS NO DIRECT QUOTES
FROM DHARIA.)

2. ACCORDING TO DHARIA, "THE DEADLOCK OVER USE OF

THE COMMON FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY COMMODITIES, IN ADDITION TO PRICE STABILIZATION PURPOSES, HAS BEEN RESOLVED." HE EXPLAINED THAT "INDIA WAS NO DOUBT INTERESTED IN STABILIZATION OF PRICES ON THESE COMMODITIES, BUT IT WAS EQUALLY INTERESTED IN RAISING THEIR PRODUCTION. FOR EXAMPLE, INDIA COULD USE THE AMOUNT (SIC) FOR CASHEW PLANTATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS." THEREFORE "MAKING THE COMMONWEALTH NATIONS, INCLUDING ENGLAND AND CANADA, ACCEPT INDIA'S STAND ON THE USE OF THE COMMON FUND FOR 'OTHER PURPOSES' WAS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT."

3. "THE OTHER ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MEETING, HE SAID, WAS ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION AS ONE OF THE MODES OF FINANCING THE COMMON FUND."

4. COMMENT: APARENTLY INDIAN DELEGATION WAS ONE OF THOSE LDC'S WICH SAW COMMUNIQUE AS REPRESENTING A SHIFT OF BRITISH POSITIONS. WHATEVER THE FACTS, THE RESOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND INDIAN POSITIONS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MADE ORE DIFFICULT.
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